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Serial No.: 09/594,517	\$	Examiner: Son, Linh LD
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Filed: June 15, 2000	\$	Attorney Docket No. AUS0000264US1
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Title: System and Method	\$	IBM Corporation, IP Law Department
for Securing Data on	\$	11400 Burnet Road
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of February 3, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections based upon the following response.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is

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requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the  
Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM  
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